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E. O. DECLASSIFY DEC. 31, 1979

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SUBJECT: LIBYAN OIL NEGOTIATIONS

REF: TOKYO 6558

1. AS FOLLOW- UP TO ECON/ MIN' S CALL ON NISHIDA, DEPUTY
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU OF FONOFF
(REFTEL), TSUNEO OYAKE, HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES
DIVISION (FONOFF) GAVE E/ COUNS, MAY 31, FOLLOWING
COMMENTS REGARDING GOJ POSITION ON LIBYAN OIL NEGOTIA-
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TIONS.

2. JAPANESE OIL COMPANIES, OYAKE SAID, ARE NOT INVOLVED IN LIBYA AND JAPAN RECEIVES ONLY A SMALL AMOUNT OF OIL FROM LIBYA. FOR THESE REASONS, GOJ BELIEVES THAT RESULTS OF CURRENT LIBYAN OIL NEGOTIATIONS WOULD HAVE NO DIRECT IMPACT ON JAPAN. GOJ THUS WISHES TO MAINTAIN A WAIT- AND-SEE ATTITUDE FOR TIME BEING RE LIBYAN NEGOTIATIONS AND THEIR EFFECTS. HOWEVER, GOJ REALIZES THAT RESULTS OF NEGOTIATIONS COULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT IMPACT ON INTERNATIONAL OIL TRANSACTIONS IN THE FUTURE AND THEREFORE HOPES THAT AN AMICABLE WAY WILL BE FOUND TO RESOLVE CURRENT DISPUTE IN LIBYA.

3. E/ COUNS EXPRESSED HIS VIEW THAT SUCH POSITION ON PART OF GOJ SEEMED TO UNDERPLAY SIGNIFICANCE TO JAPAN OF DEVELOPMENTS IN LIBYA. IN SO DOING HE STRESSED THAT EFFECTS OF A SHUTDOWN OF OIL PRODUCTION IN LIBYA, THOUGH THEY MIGHT BE INDIRECT, COULD BE IMMEDIATE AND SERIOUS FOR JAPAN. OYAKE REPLIED THAT GOJ WOULD CONTINUE TO SEEK INFORMATION ON LIBYAN NEGOTIATIONS. IMPRESSION HE HAD SO FAR RECEIVED FROM JAPANESE EMBASSY REPORTS, HOWEVER, WAS THAT EUROPEAN COUNTRIES DID NOT BELIEVE THAT NATIONALIZATION ACTION BY LIBYA WAS IMMINENT. INGERSOLL

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